

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: )  
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DONALD SERIO JR. )  
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SERIAL NO.: NOT YET ASSIGNED )  
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FILED: CONTEMPORANEOUSLY ) GROUP ART UNIT NO.  
HEREWITH )  
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TITLE: AIR SEALABLE CONTAINER )  
WITH AUTOMATICALLY )  
ACTUABLE PRESSURE )  
EQUALIZING VALVE )  
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EXAMINER:

AMENDMENT A (PRELIMINARY)

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The present amendment is being submitted contemporaneously with the filing of a continuation patent application based on the applicant's earlier patent application Serial No. 10/027,571, filed December 19, 2001. Please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

Please amend page 3 as shown.

Please amend page 15 as shown.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Please amend Claims 1-6, and 8-13 as shown on the following pages.

Claims 7 and 8 are resubmitted.

Please add the following new Claims 14-41.

**Remarks** begin on page 23 of this paper.